

March 22, 2011

Re: SB 261

(H) Taxation Committee

Dear Chair and members of the committee, for the record, my name is Mike Fellows and I live in Missoula. I rise in opposition to SB 261. The sponsor and others believe that if we have annual legislative sessions all our troubles will go away. I don't think that will happen. People all ready according to the latest poll are giving the legislature low marks. Would annual sessions change that? Would we have more time to work on legislation and things like the budget. We would just have of the same with more bill drafts being introduced, and more laws. And let's look at the cost every year of paying for support staff. I hope the sponsor isn't thinking about having a professional legislature like they do in California. California has yearly sessions. States like Texas meet every two years and they seem to survive. With annual sessions would we see the size and scope of state government increase? The only way this would work as others have mentioned if ~~if~~ this body would repeal all the bad laws from the last session. In closing I do not think this is a good idea and would recommend a do not pass on SB 261. Thank You for time.